Dear Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers,

Yesterday each campus participated in Ash Wednesday liturgies. The signing of the cross on every individual’s forehead has acted as a symbolic reminder to one another to “turn away from sin and come closer to God”, in our daily actions with one another and our wider community. As we have begun the season of Lent, students are reminded of their call to serve others, to offer “alms” in a humble and compassionate way......to give without counting the cost. Part of the college activity during this season began with Shrove Tuesday activities, plus each class received a Project compassion box. We will encourage students to give their loose change to Project compassion, with proceeds assisting children in struggling communities through sustainable, ‘grass-roots” community initiatives.

BOARD

The current College Board meets for the final time tonight. After this meeting there will be some spaces on the Board available for parents, due to the retirement of outgoing families from the community. Information about being a Board member at Samaritan, can be found on our website under the ‘Community’ tab, as well as a nomination form. The nomination form will also be sent with this newsletter. Please mark the upcoming AGM in your diaries and consider either nominating yourself or someone else for a position on the board. There will also be opportunities for parents to sit on the various sub-committees in the College. Please contact either of us if you are interested in joining one of the following: Policy, Uniform, P & F, Finance or Out of School Hours Care. In addition, we are keen to begin a short term Canteen Committee, and are encouraging primary parents to be a part of a review process.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

A reminder to parents of the times when teacher supervision of children begins in the morning. Children are not supervised before 8:20am at the secondary campus and before 8:30am at the primary campuses. Out of School Hours Care is available at the OLHCC.

NUT ALLERGIES

In accordance with the latest government advice, schools are not required to remove all nut products from their canteens nor ask fellow students to not bring nut products to school for recess/lunch. There are, however, some general food handling measures that the College attempts to adhere to. These include not allowing students to share or swap food, labelling own containers and drink bottles, being wary of food allergies when conducting craft, cooking or science lessons that involve food. More information can be found here: http://www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/papers/prevent-anaphylactic-reactions-in-schools

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you......” Matthew 6:1-6

Term 1 Week 3

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14
• Board Meeting, SJC, 7:30pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15
• Year 5/6 Baulderstone assembly, OLHCC, 12:30pm, Church
• Year 4/5 Baverstock assembly, STC, 2:30pm, shelter shed

FEBRUARY 18-21
• Year 8 camps

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22
• Year 4/5 Raymond assembly, OLHCC, 12:30pm Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25
• Parents & Friends Meeting, SJC, 7:30pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
• Making the most of home reading, primary campuses, 2pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 8
• R/1 Boundy assembly, 2:30pm, STC, shelter shed

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Wednesday 8:00 - 10:00am
Thursday 1:00 - 4:30pm

DAMIEN JUDD
CO-PRINCIPAL
TERISSA SHEPHERD
CO-PRINCIPAL
Lenten awareness

In the gospel story of the Rich Man and Lazarus, the Rich Man arrives at the seat of judgement when he dies. He is shocked to discover his sinfulness. In his great wealth, he had been blind to the distress of Lazarus, lying destitute at his front gate. It's the same in Jesus's parable of the last judgement. As the virtuous are separated by the king - Christ - from "those on his left hand" - the sinners - the latter are stunned to be told that in ignoring the poor, they have ignored Christ himself.

In our busy and preoccupied lives, it becomes easier to lose sight of how firmly sin has us in its grip. That's where the traditional spiritual weapons of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are so valuable, for families living in a rigorously consumeristic society like our own.

This season of Lent is described as "joyful", because this is when we are invited back to our original innocence as God's children.

May it be both joyful and challenging for you and your family. Let's pray for each other for the richest blessings for our families, and for the poor of our world!

Father Jim Monaghan
FOR THE PARISH TEAM.

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This Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel Jesus spends forty days in the desert. He was “led by the spirit through the wilderness”. It was a time of temptation and adversity for Jesus. In the Scriptures, the desert can be a place of great deprivation and hardship. We sometimes hear of people undergoing a difficult time or a ‘desert experience’. It can be a time of testing. However, often these experiences lead to a new understanding of God.

Lent is also a time of testing for us, a time of fasting, prayer and giving and time when we can come to a new understanding. Lent should be a time when we look at our own lives to examine whether we are living a life that reflects our faith in Jesus. Are we looking out for everyone in our community: the poor, the vulnerable, the sick and the lonely? Are we treating the people in our community and in our world with dignity and respect? Jesus ministered to the outcast and downtrodden. How can we do the same this Lent?

Caritas Australia works to bring justice, peace and hope to those in the world who are struggling and living in poverty. Jesus asks us to come into the light of his love. We can be someone who hears the cry of the poor by donating to Caritas Australia through Project Compassion this Lent.

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY

Yesterday our college celebrated Ash Wednesday with our Catholic family throughout the world.

At each campus we offered prayers and received ashes to humble ourselves before God. We are reminded of the great things God has done for us in our lives and that sometimes we turn away from all that is good. We turn from things that are good in the poor choices we make and in the selfishness of our own existence. During this time of the year we place ashes on our foreheads and work towards renewing our relationship with God and those around us.

This season of lent let us turn back to God in our lives and work to be faithful to gospel values.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion is a charitable catholic organisation that works to help communities around the world and in Australia. Students at Samaritan College will be able to support Caritas Australia and the work they do by making donations in their classes. A money box will go on each prayer table in each classroom. We ask all families to support this cause. For more information on Project Compassion and to find out about the community projects for 2013 go to www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

OPENING COLLEGE MASS

The opening College Mass will be celebrated at Saint John’s Campus on the oval. Children from all campuses need to be at Saint John’s Campus by 8:45am. A letter has been sent out to primary campuses with more details. The Mass will begin as close to 9:00am as possible. Parents are most welcome to join us at Mass.

The theme of the Mass is ‘WE ARE OUR STORY’. How will your family be part of our story this year at Samaritan College?

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION
Valentine’s Day

Spreading the love is not limited to boyfriends or girlfriends, share the love!

- Smile at a stranger
- Donate something (time, money, clothing) to a charity
- Call someone you have not spoken to in a while
- Say hello to everyone you see
- Do a chore you would not usually do
- Tell someone three things you like about them

Remember that small acts of kindness can leave a HUGE impact on a person’s day!

_from the school counsellors_ ©

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**HATS, LIBRARY BAYS & SOCKS**

St Teresa and OLHC campuses have hats and library bags available at front office.

Saint Johns canteen have socks, sport socks and hats available.

_Kerry Azzopardi_

UNIFORM SHOP ASSISTANT

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**PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS**

The positivity and enthusiasm continues at both of our primary campuses. Students and staff have been busy with a range of learning experiences inside and outside of the classroom and routines have been well established.

**FOYER DISPLAYS**

One of the many ways our learning is shared and celebrated with parents and caregivers is through our foyer displays. The first of which are on display in the foyers at each campus. At our Saint Teresa’s Campus Mrs Smith and her 5/6 class have reflected on the ways in which they make changes for the better during the season of Lent. Miss Feidler’s class at our Our Lady Help of Christians Campus have made strong connections to our faith and history as a college and responded to the scripture of ‘The Good Samaritan’. I congratulate both classes on their efforts and encourage you to pop past and have a look when you are next at school.

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**ASSEMBLIES**

Another way our primary campuses endeavour to share and celebrate learning with the wider community is through our school assemblies. **Miss Baulderstone and her Year 5/6 class will be hosting tomorrow at our Our Lady Help of Christians Campus at 12:30pm in the Church and on the same day at our Saint Teresa’s Campus Mr Baverstock and his Year 4/5 class will share their learning with the community at 2:30pm under the shelter shed.** Please feel free to come along and share in these community events.

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Name: __________________

Three things I like about you
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Happy Valentine’s Day!
Be sure to consider attending our next assemblies in Week 6:
OLHCC – to be hosted by 4/5 Raymond on March 8 at 12:30pm in the Church
STC – to be hosted by R/1 Boundy on March 8 at 2:30pm under the shelter shed.

SHROVE TUESDAY/ASH WEDNESDAY

This week has also given students opportunities to connect with our Catholic traditions in two very different ways.

The first being Shrove Tuesday where students were reminded of the origins of this during the Middle Ages. As in contemporary times, food items like meats, fats, eggs, milk, and fish were regarded as restricted during Lent. To keep such food from being wasted, many families would have big feasts on Shrove Tuesday in order to consume those items that would inevitably become spoiled during the next forty days. As well as enjoying the pancakes students were able to make connections with past traditions.

Ash Wednesday is the day which marks the beginning of the season of Lent, the liturgical period of forty weekdays which leads into Easter. It is a season during which we as Catholics traditionally examine our lives and reconcile in many ways. Ash Wednesday liturgies were also held at both campuses, we were prayerfully lead by 6/7 Lancaster, 6/7 Keen and 4/5 Free.

LAP VOLUNTEERS

The Learning Assistance Program known as LAP is once again looking for LAP volunteers. LAP is a social interaction program that supports students in their journey of learning. The skills that you need to be a LAP volunteer are patience, a listening ear and one hour per week.

Like all volunteers in schools you will need to have a current Catholic Police Check. (These are free for school volunteers.) Both primary campuses run this program.

If you are interested in being a LAP volunteer please register your interest via the front office at your campus and our LAP coordinator will be in touch.

Grace and blessings.
George Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

NO LUNCH ORDERS - FEBRUARY 22

No canteen orders for the primary campuses for recess and lunch on Friday, February 22.

Making the most of

Home Reading

Practical ideas to make Home Reading fun and easy for Early Readers.

Who: Parents of Early Readers
When: Tuesday, February 26 at 2:00pm
Where: In both primary campus libraries

Please fill out the form below indicating which campus you will be attending and return the note to the front office.

The Primary Literacy Team

I _______________________will be attending the ‘Making the most of Home Reading’ workshop at 2.00pm, on Tuesday February, 26 at the OLHC Campus Library / STC Campus Library.

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SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

NEWSLETTER
The senior Student Representative Council (SRC) have started the year off on a positive note, with their "2 for 1" pancake deal for Shrove Tuesday proving very popular; the demand even seemed to outstrip the supply. I am looking forward to seeing what ideas this group will bring to the table to support our nominated charities.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Senior students are encouraged to always be on the lookout for Undergraduate Scholarships. Although it is still early in the year, the College is already receiving information regarding different scholarships that are available for students who will start undergraduate studies in 2014. One particular example is the Fuckwell Scholarship, which offers $20,000 per year to 25 recipients who have nominated to study at the Australian National University. Applications for this scholarship close at the start of April. Students who are interested in applying should let me know at their earliest opportunity.

PARENT EVENING
Thank you to all the parents who took the time to attend the Parent Evening last Thursday. It was a great opportunity to meet with your child’s caregroup teacher and then mingle with the other teachers in the Piazza. Teachers are more than happy to meet with parents outside of formally scheduled parent/teacher nights. Appointments can be made through the College diary or by phone.

OPENING COLLEGE MASS
The opening college Mass will take place next Friday, February 22. This will be held at the secondary campus and is scheduled to start at approximately 9:00am. There will be some shaded seating for parents and past students. We will also take the opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our top students from 2012. The secondary students are spending their recess with a buddy class from the primary campuses and as such the canteen will not be open for recess on Friday. Students need to bring their own food and drink for recess. Lunch is as normal.

BIKE RIDERS
Parents are encouraged to address bike safety with their child. Reports have been received of students displaying unsafe behaviours by using bike lanes, but against the flow of traffic. This practice is strongly discouraged and will be addressed by teachers on duty if spotted.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS
Throughout the year there are many opportunities where parent support would be welcomed. This can take many forms, from working in the canteen, supporting staff during excursions or being another responsible adult on a camp. In more recent times, with greater emphasis on child protection, volunteers have been required to undertake a Catholic Police Check. The results of this check are confidential, a letter being sent only to the volunteer. Once clearance has been granted the letter needs to be presented and your name can be added to a database of potential volunteers. Parents don't necessarily have to get involved in an activity that their child is undertaking – a look at the Online Calendar to see what is happening will allow parents to plan their involvement accordingly. Your help and input is always valued and greatly appreciated.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CANTEEN HELP

We need your help in the canteen. If you can spare half an hour, for recess or lunch I would love to hear from you. Come and get to know your child’s school and have some fun. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Marg Coad
Canteen Manager

NAME: _____________________________

CONTACT DETAILS: ______________

I would be able to help on Canteen at Saint John's Campus

☐ at lunch
☐ at recess
☐ both lunch and recess

I am available on the following day(s)

☐ Monday
☐ Tuesday
☐ Wednesday
☐ Thursday
☐ Friday

FROM THE SACE COORDINATOR

As Term 1 rolls on, assessments start to appear on the radar. As promised last week, my focus in this newsletter will be on Stage 1 Special Provisions. The SACE of 2013 is more flexible than ever before and most definitely caters for all students and a wide variety of different scenarios. Special provisions at Stage 1 (Year 10 PLP and Year 11) can take on a variety of different forms for example:

1. Delaying the presentation of an assessment (i.e. extension to school-set due dates).
2. Reducing the number of assessments while ensuring that there is still appropriate evidence that learning requirements are being assessed in each assessment type.
3. Replacing one assessment with a different type of assessment that is consistent with the learning requirements in the subject outline (e.g. replacing a written assessment with an oral assessment).

4. Using another planned assessment to assess more learning requirements than originally intended.

5. Using alternative arrangements to help the student to complete an assessment (e.g. a word processor, a spelling checker).

6. Allowing the student additional working time (reading or writing time) for a timed assessment.

7. Allowing the student rest periods during timed assessments.

8. Providing a reader, a scribe, or assistive technology.

**EVIDENCE REQUIRED**

For special provisions to be approved by the school, evidence is required to establish eligibility on the basis of specific grounds and to determine the most appropriate variations. The evidence required will vary but will always include information from the student and information from the teachers about the impact of the illness, impairment, or personal circumstances on the student’s capacity to participate in an assessment. The school may also seek evidence from independent professionals or community members. The fact that a student has a diagnosis for a particular condition (i.e. illness, disability, or impairment) does not automatically entitle the student to special provisions. The prime consideration is the impact of the condition on the student’s capacity to participate in an assessment.

For more information on specific disabilities, impairments and physical and mental illnesses that qualify for Special Provisions visit the SACE website. The College website also contains two documents pertaining to this subject under the FAQs, forms and files tab/secondary campus forms/students.

Please feel free to contact myself or your child's subject teacher should the need arise for special provisions to come into play.

Maresa Lyons
SACE COORDINATOR

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Excerpt from a letter to Marie van Niekerk

"I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the school for being a part of OCC (Operation Christmas Child) and helping to bring the Whyalla total of christmas boxes to 346. You might be interested to know the total number of boxes from South Australia and Northern Territory was over 23,500 and the total number from Australia and New Zealand combined was well over 300,000. What an awesome total from so many generous people. These boxes are now being loved and enjoyed by the many children they were given to. Children in Cambodia, Vietnam, Fiji, New Guinea and Vanuatu. Without you and the school this number would never have been reached, so thank you for your generosity, time and love. I am looking forward to doing it all again this year and I hope that you will be willing also.

Thank you again.

Noelen Armit
REGIONAL COORDINATOR\"
Next on the schedule was a ride on our first shinkansen, or bullet train, to arguably Japan’s most beautiful major city known for its traditions and culture. Although our stay in Kyoto was brief, it gave everyone a chance to explore some of the famous sights, including Kiyomizu-dera, one of Kyoto’s most famous Buddhist shrines overlooking the entire city. Kyoto also acted as a leap pad to a number of other high points to the trip, such as a trip to Hiroshima to visit the Atomic Bomb Dome, the surrounding Peace Park and museums, and the island of Miyajima.

The high point of the trip for many was the three-day homestay spent at our sister school, Minakuchi High School in Koka. While at Minakuchi, every student had the opportunity to partake in language and cultural activities, including a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony, or sado, while meeting many new and old friends. After a few days living and experiencing real Japanese culture and home life, the farewells from Minakuchi were expectedly characterised by hugs, tears, countless well wishes and, as only the Japanese can, an entire school lined up in a guard of honour or waving goodbye from every window throughout the school.

After a final few days in Tokyo cramming in as much as we could at the tail of the trip, including the Asakusa district, Sega Joypolis, Akihabara and the Okachimachi fish markets, and Tokyo Disneyland, our time in Japan was at an end. Thank you again to all of the students and families involved in this year’s exchange. I hope each and every one of you has taken countless memories away with you, and that you enjoyed everything we squeezed into the two weeks as much as I did.

Sayōnara

Josh Boden

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**Canteen Rosters**

Monday, February 18 – Friday, February 22

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Annette Cameron  
Canteen Manager

Rose Cassar
Canteen Manager

Marg Coad
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**Community News**

“The services and events contained in this section are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.”

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**Stormfront Music Tutoring** offers one-on-one music lessons in guitar/bass/voice & beginner keyboard for Samaritan College Students. These half hour lessons are taken by visiting tutors Mark Tempany & Alison Hams.

There are currently some lesson times available at Saint John’s Campus on Wednesdays. Lessons take place on a rotating timetable during the school day and are paid for by the term.

If you are interested in taking up this tuition please visit www.stormfrontproductions.info and click “Tutoring” for all fees, conditions and printable enrolment form.

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**Parenting Seminar: Building Connections**

Are you separated and have children? Do you need support with ways to help your children through this difficult time?

Uniting Care Wesley Country SA, Strengthening Families provides a **free seminar** for separated parents, contact us on 8649 4367 and leave a message or contact Ruth Parker on 0407 972 317 or Rachael Edwards on 0419 268 933.

3 hour seminar includes:
- ways of communicating with the other parent
- impact of separation and conflict on children
- setting goals for future parenting
- support services available to you

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**Tutoring Service**

Tutor experienced with the current school curriculum, offering individual assistance to secondary students at Samaritan College, in Humanities subjects including English, Studies of Society and Environment, Religious Education, Research Projects, and Media Studies, and, instruction for students who require assistance with, or would like to enhance, their communication skills in the broader practices of expressive and persuasive language use, and effective reading and comprehension.

For details, log on to www.tutorfinder.com.au, select Spencer Gulf as the Region and English as the Subject.

Phone: 0414 757 476  
Email: johngerardmartin@hotmail.com

**Current Police Clearance to Work in Catholic Education SA**

John Gerard Martin

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February 14, 2013
### Lent 2013

**OPEN DOORS INTO THE FUTURE.**

**POPE BENEDICT XVI**

#### FEB

**Sun 10**

Project Compassion Sunday

*Put your collection box where you’ll see it daily!*

**Mon 11**

Decide how you will help Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion during Lent

**Tues 12**

Shrove Tuesday

*Start planning how you could walk Kilometres for Compassion (see caritas.org.au/care-kts for ideas)*

**Wed 13**

Ash Wednesday

*Make pancakes and hold a pancake flipping competition. Get donations for every flip!*

**Thurs 14**

Fish Friday

*Start a stall, say ‘thank you’ to your GP or pharmacist for the great work they do!

**Fri 15**

World Day of Prayer

*Write a prayer for Indigenous communities. Check out your Way As One poster on reverse side*

**Sat 16**

*Spend some quality time with a friend or family member today*

#### MAR

**Sun 17**

Watch/read Ditosa’s story at caritas.org.au/projectcompassion. Pray for the estimated 226 million redhead offspring in the world today, that they might find hope and a better future.

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